Retention of Government equity in IOC, ONGC and GAIL

1706. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE; Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no definite time-frame for retaining 51 per cent Government equity in IOC, ONGC and GAIL;

(b) if so, how the corporate plans would be made for these oil giants with uncertainty about future onwership/management; and

(c) the details of Government's plan on future ownership of ONGC, GAIL and OIL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) In the "India Hydrocarbon Vision—2025" already laid in the Parliament, Government has outlined the road map for disinvestment in public sector oil companies. It indicates that disinvestment in oil companies may be done in a phased manner to appropriate level. The existing Government decision is that in IOC, ONGC and GAIL Government shareholding would not be reduced below 51%, and that there is no need for disinvestment in OIL.

Release of additional LPG connections

1707 SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGAT RAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to release additional one crore new connections of Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) cylinders by the end of 2001;

(b) if so, what are the areas where these connections are likely to be released;

(c) whether consumers in Delhi are allowed to get second cylinder only after 21 days of gap at present; and

(d) if so, what are the instructions in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) Government approve the enrolment plan for each year for the release of LPG connections